

## *Doreen Ogata*

Teacher

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To Whom It May Concern:

It is with great pleasure that I recommend Anthony Alvarado for a school administrator position.

I met Anthony while we were pursuing our Multiple Subject Credential and Masters in Education, Instruction and Curriculum at San Jose State University. Since that time, I've grown to respect Anthony as a professional colleague, mentor and friend.

Anthony possesses the qualities of a highly effective leader who is forward thinking, organized and prepared, and always available to support the needs of staff, students and families. He has the ability to build and nurture relationships through caring and meaningful communication.

As a teacher, Anthony works tirelessly to plan highly engaging standards-based lessons to ensure all his students have access to learning. He also understands the need to provide enrichment opportunities. In fact, during his 2<sup>nd</sup> year of teaching, Anthony created a steam lab at Franklin Elementary where K-6 students and teachers are able to utilize inquiry-based hands-on science and engineering lessons. In 2019, Anthony received an award from the PAC-12 organization for his innovative steam program. He currently serves as his school site's Steam coordinator responsible for monthly steam challenges across all grade levels.

Anthony is an all around educator and visionary who has the foresight and flexibility to respond to a constantly changing environment. The past two years have tested our educational climate, but Anthony has continued to respond by assuming additional responsibilities while supporting multiple areas within his school community. He not only serves as his school Site Tech Mentor helping both students and their families as well as other educators and administrators, but he also represents the special education team at monthly ILT meetings, and serves as teacher-in-charge during his principal's absence. Anthony also finds ways to serve the greater community, and often volunteers to support district level initiatives. He is currently part of the district-wide Math Curriculum Mapping Committee, and recently served on the Curriculum and Instruction as well as SEL Advisory committees, both of which met regularly to support our district-wide objectives.

I have had the privilege of serving alongside Anthony as a teacher colleague where I have watched in awe as he thoughtfully engages a young child or takes on the adjunct role of “Principal in Charge.” Anthony truly cares about all students and their families. Moreover, he is always generous with his time, willing to share his ideas and teaching methodology, and continually adding to his own teaching portfolio. Any district looking for a professional asset to lead one of its schools will find their star in Anthony Alvarado.

Sincerely,

Doreen Ogata  
**Second Grade Teacher**